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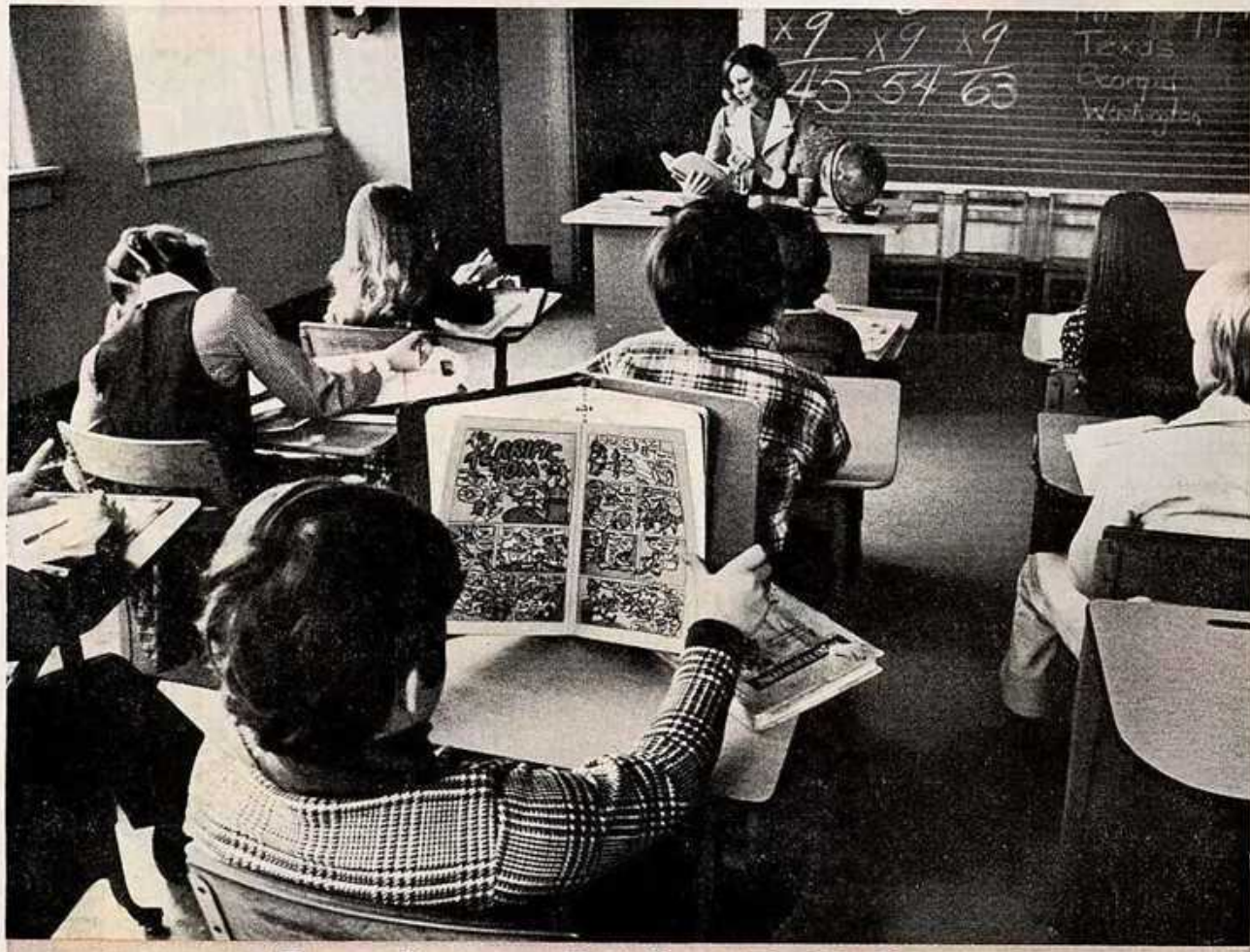

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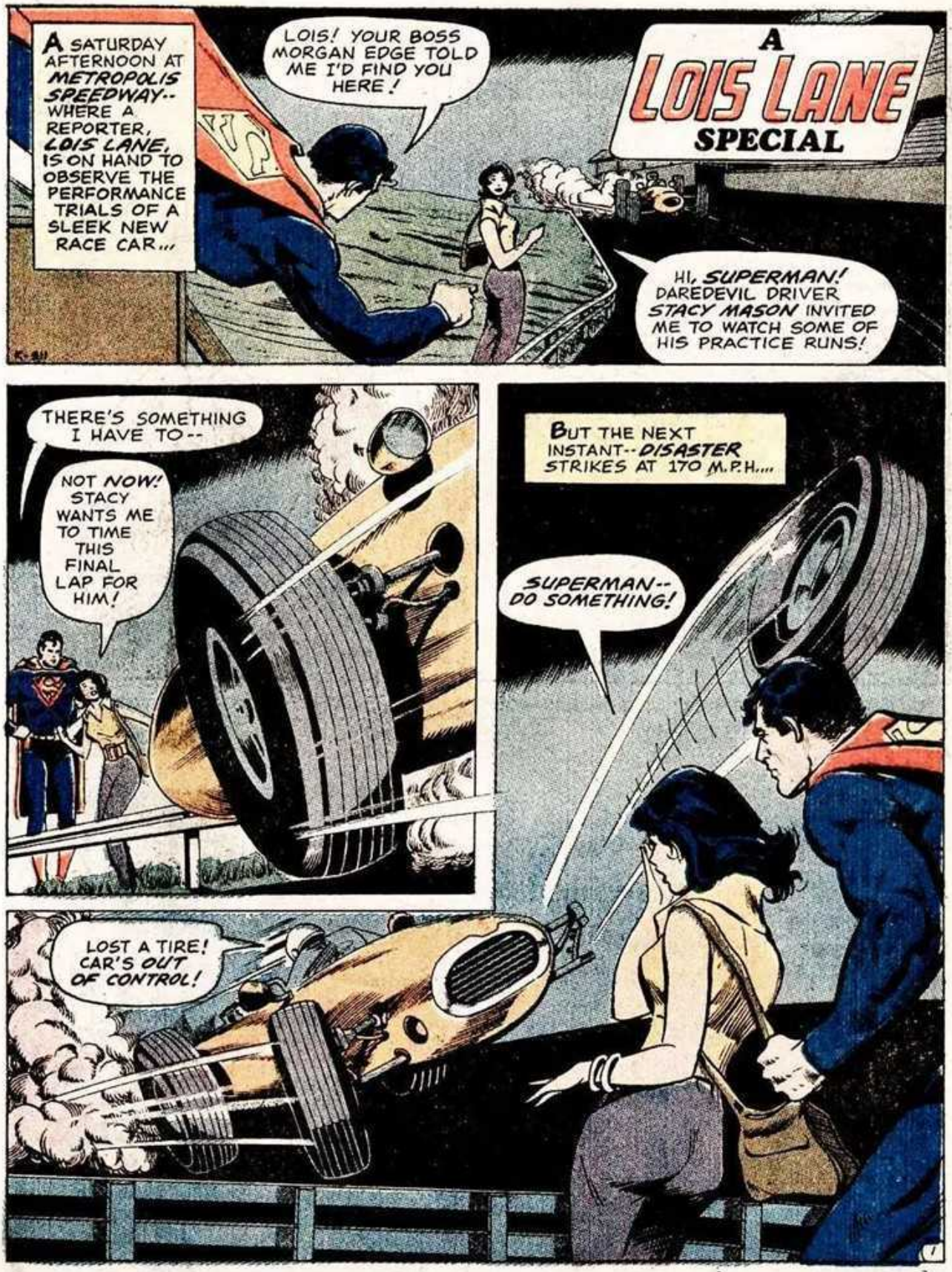
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BUT THE NEXT INSTANT-- DISASTER STRIKES AT 170 M.P.H....
SUPERMAN-- DO SOMETHING!
LOST A TIRE! CAR'S OUT OF CONTROL!

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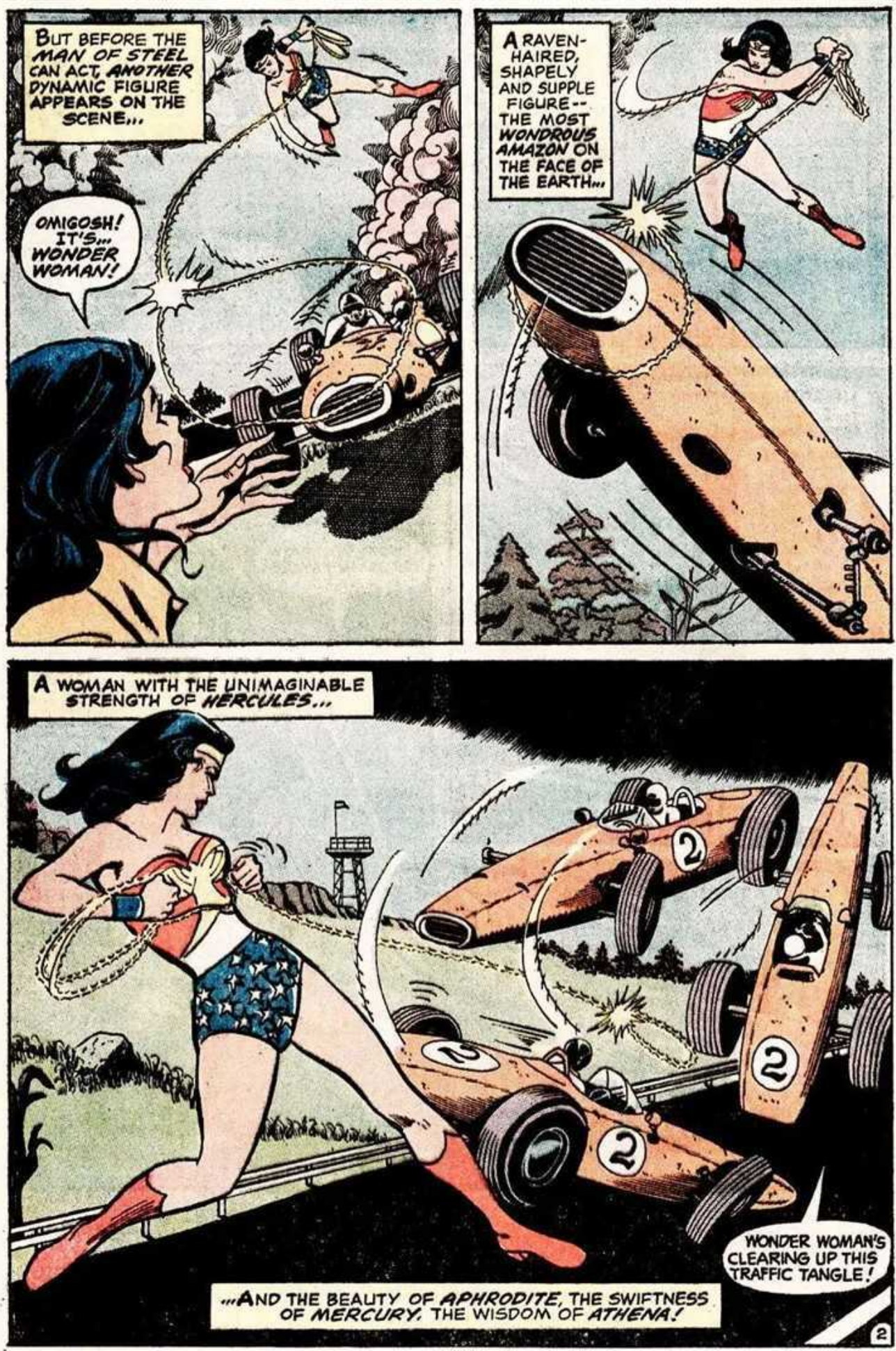
BUT BEFORE THE MAN OF STEEL CAN ACT, ANOTHER DYNAMIC FIGURE APPEARS ON THE SCENE...
OMIGOSH! IT'S... WONDER WOMAN!
A RAVEN-HAIRED, SHAPELY AND SUPPLE FIGURE -- THE MOST WONDROUS AMAZON ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH...
A WOMAN WITH THE UNIMAGINABLE STRENGTH OF HERCULES...
...AND THE BEAUTY OF APHRODITE, THE SWIFTNESS OF MERCURY, THE WISDOM OF ATHENA!
WONDER WOMAN'S CLEARING UP THIS TRAFFIC TANGLE!
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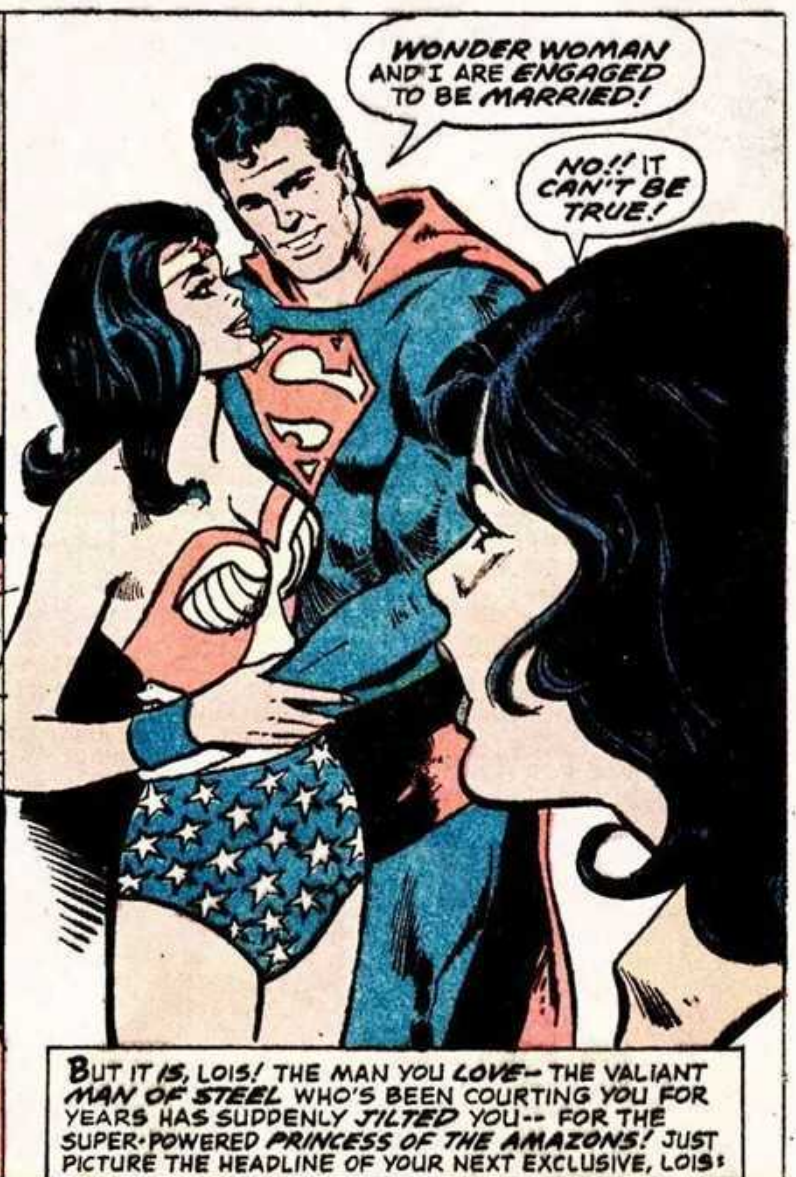
THE FABULOUS, ONE AND ONLY... WONDER WOMAN...
SUPERMAN--WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE IN METROPOLIS? YOU DON'T SEEM A BIT SURPRISED TO SEE HER!
OF COURSE HE'S NOT, LOIS! SUPERMAN AND I CAME HERE TOGETHER ...BECAUSE WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!

OUT WITH IT, SUPERMAN! WHAT'S THE BIG SECRET? WILL IT MEAN A SCOOP FOR ME?
THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF THE DECADE!
YOU SEE, AFTER YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER ON JUSTICE LEAGUE CASES, THE TWO OF US FINALLY GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER ...AND FELL IN LOVE!


WONDER WOMAN AND I ARE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!
NO!! IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
BUT IT IS, LOIS! THE MAN YOU LOVE-- THE VALIANT MAN OF STEEL WHO'S BEEN COURTING YOU FOR YEARS HAS SUDDENLY JILTED YOU-- FOR THE SUPER-POWERED PRINCESS OF THE AMAZONS! JUST PICTURE THE HEADLINE OF YOUR NEXT EXCLUSIVE, LOIS:

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FRANKLY, LOIS... I'D PROBABLY SOON BE BORED IF I MARRIED AN ORDINARY GIRL LIKE YOU!
THAT'S IT... BETTER NOT SAY A WORD! AFTER ALL, WE HAD PLENTY OF GOOD TIMES TOGETHER, DIDN'T WE? IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED...
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT, WITHOUT ANY TEARFUL GOODBYES?
FINALLY, THE TEARY-EYED, HUMILIATED EX-GIRL FRIEND CAN HOLD BACK HER HURT AND ANGER NO LONGER...
GET OUT OF MY SIGHT-- AND TAKE YOUR NEW "WONDER-FIANCÉE" WITH YOU!
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU, SUPERMAN... FOR ALL TIME!
I NEVER WANT YOU TO COME NEAR ME AGAIN!
I'M SORRY TO SEE SHE'S TAKING THIS SO HARD, DARLING!
OUR ROMANCE WAS MORE OF A JOLT TO HER THAN I THOUGHT! WE'D BETTER LEAVE LOIS ALONE FOR NOW!
SOB! I NEVER DREAMED SUPERMAN COULD BE SO CRUEL... TO DROP ME SO HEARTLESSLY, SO SUDDENLY...!
HE PROBABLY THINKS I'LL SPEND MONTHS LONGING FOR HIM, PINING AWAY FOR HIM, BEGGING HIM TO TAKE ME BACK!
I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING, LOIS! I'M... SORRY ABOUT YOU AND SUPERMAN BREAKING UP!
BUT I'LL SHOW THAT SUPER-EGOMANIAC! I'LL START DATING ANOTHER MAN RIGHT AWAY--
AND I ALREADY KNOW WHO!
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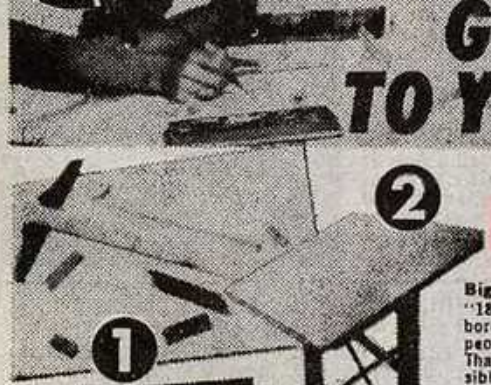

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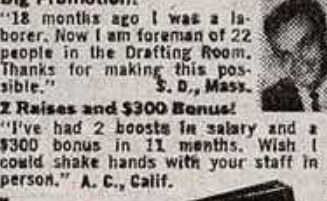

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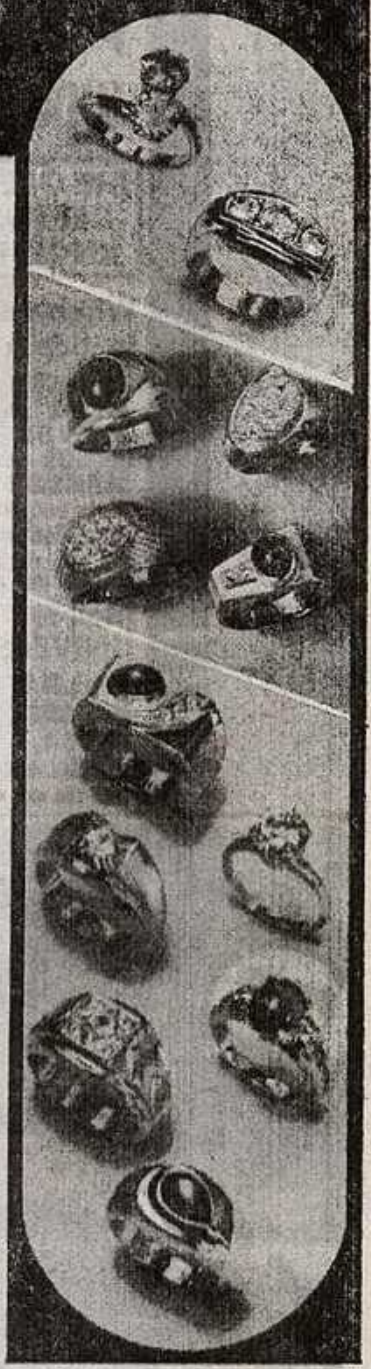

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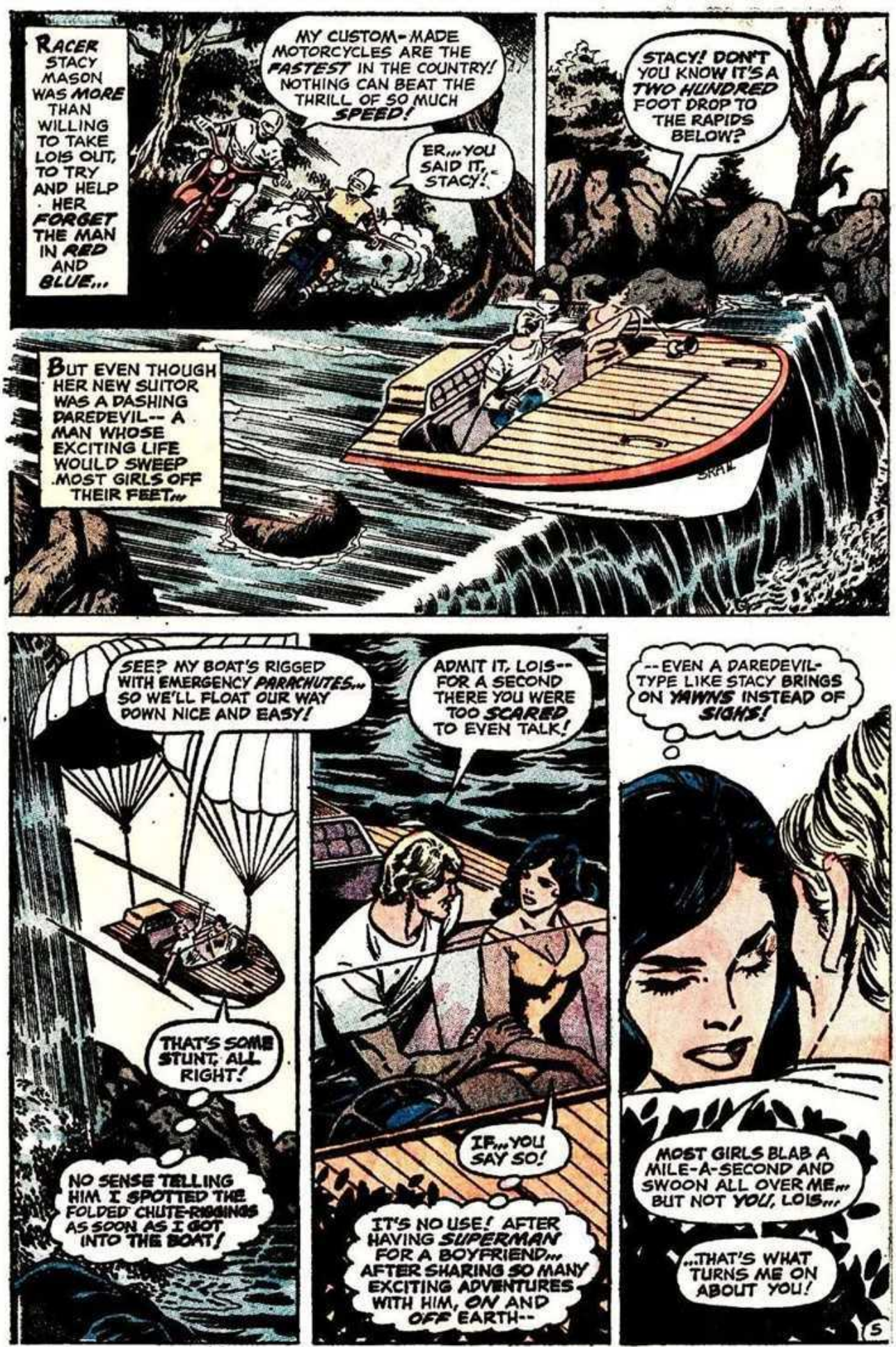
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ER... YOU SAID IT, STACY!
STACY! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S A TWO HUNDRED FOOT DROP TO THE RAPIDS BELOW?
BUT EVEN THOUGH HER NEW SUITOR WAS A DASHING DAREDEVIL-- A MAN WHOSE EXCITING LIFE WOULD SWEEP MOST GIRLS OFF THEIR FEET...
SEE? MY BOAT'S RIGGED WITH EMERGENCY PARACHUTES... SO WE'LL FLOAT OUR WAY DOWN NICE AND EASY!
ADMIT IT, LOIS-- FOR A SECOND THERE YOU WERE TOO SCARED TO EVEN TALK!
--EVEN A DAREDEVIL-TYPE LIKE STACY BRINGS ON YAWNS INSTEAD OF SIGHS!
THAT'S SOME STUNT, ALL RIGHT!
NO SENSE TELLING HIM I SPOTTED THE FOLDED CHUTE-RIGGINGS AS SOON AS I GOT INTO THE BOAT!
IF... YOU SAY SO!
IT'S NO USE! AFTER HAVING SUPERMAN FOR A BOYFRIEND... AFTER SHARING SO MANY EXCITING ADVENTURES WITH HIM, ON AND OFF EARTH--
MOST GIRLS BLAB A MILE-A-SECOND AND SWOON ALL OVER ME... BUT NOT YOU, LOIS...
...THAT'S WHAT TURNS ME ON ABOUT YOU!
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AND THOUGH YOU DON'T SAY MUCH -- I CAN TELL YOU'RE CRAZY ABOUT ME! DON'T FIGHT IT, BABY!
UH OH! STACY'S TOO FRESH... COMING ON TOO STRONG... TOO FAST!
SORRY, STACY! I KNOW YOU LIKE TO WIN AT WHATEVER YOU TRY--
BUT THIS TIME, YOU'VE BEEN DISQUALIFIED!
LOIS MAY HAVE TAUGHT HER DATE A LESSON-- BUT SHE TAUGHT HERSELF ONE, TOO...
I MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT-- I'M A ONE-MAN WOMAN!
I'M STILL HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH SUPERMAN!
AND NO FELLA ON EARTH CAN MAKE ME FORGET IT! BUT NOW ⟩CHOKE⟨ HE BELONGS TO THAT AMAZON!
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SENSATIONAL!
LOIS LOOKS FANTASTICALLY CHEERFUL-- CONSIDERING WONDER WOMAN HAS REPLACED THE SPOT SHE HAD IN SUPERMAN'S HEART!
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I'VE SEEN THAT LOOK BEFORE, LOIS! IT MEANS YOU'RE ON TO SOMETHING!
RIGHT ON, MELBA!
I LET MY EMOTIONS RUN AWAY WITH ME YESTERDAY... WHEN I SHOULD'VE BEEN USING MY WITS!
LOOK AT THESE OLD DAILY PLANET CLIPPINGS!
UH, I STILL DON'T GET YOUR DRIFT, LOIS!
DON'T YOU SEE? MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, SUPERMAN HAS HAD TO STAGE ELABORATE HOAXES IN ORDER TO FIGHT CRIME OR SMOKE-OUT A CROOK!
SUPERMAN'S FAKE DEATH TRICKS MOB
SUPERMAN-JIMMY OLSEN FEUD ALL A HOAX
SECTION D
WAR BETWEEN SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL JUST AN ACT
SIMPLE-- SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN AREN'T REALLY IN LOVE AT ALL! THEIR ENGAGEMENT IS JUST AN ACT... PART OF SOME SECRET MISSION THEY'RE WORKING ON! I'M SURE I'M RIGHT--
--DOUBLY SURE-!
AND I INTEND TO PROVE IT!
IT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW THE "SUPER-LOVERS"... AND DISCREETLY INVESTIGATE THEM!
BOSS-MAN MORGAN EDGE THINKS I'LL BE GETTING AN EXPOSÉ OUT OF IT... THAT'S WHY HE GAVE ME A WEEK'S LEAVE!
BUT I'M NOT OUT FOR A STORY... JUST SOME PROOF THAT SUPERMAN STILL LOVES ME AND NOT WONDER WOMAN!
THAT'S MORE LIKE THE LOIS I KNOW! I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T LET SUPERMAN DUMP YOU WITHOUT A FIGHT!
WISH ME GOOD LUCK, MELBA!
YOU'VE GOT IT-- BUT JUST WATCH OUT! NO TELLING WHAT YOU'RE LETTING YOURSELF IN FOR, TRYING TO BUST OPEN THE HOTTEST ROMANCE OF THE CENTURY!

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SORRY I'M LATE, SWEETHEART!
WE'RE TOGETHER--NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!
LOOK AT THEM... KISSING IN THE SKY LIKE TWO LOVE-SICK BIRDS! BUT I'M ONE TRICK AHEAD OF THEIR GAME!
JEALOUS THOUGHTS--FROM A WELL-CONCEALED SKY-WATCHER PLANTED ON A NEARBY CLIFF...
SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN ARE KEEPING UP THEIR LOVE-ACT IN CASE SOMEONE LIKE ME IS WATCHING... BUT THEY COULDN'T HAVE FORESEEN SOMEONE WOULD BE LISTENING, TOO!
MY 'SCOPE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SPECIAL LONG-RANGE MICROPHONE!
BUT WHEN THE SUPER-LOVERS BREAK THEIR CLINCH AND WHISPER INTO EACH OTHER'S EAR, THE ULTRA-MICRO-PHONE REVEALS...
...I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...
OMIGOSH! INSTEAD OF EXCHANGING INFO OR MAKING SECRET CRIME-FIGHTING PLANS--
THEY REALLY ARE WHISPERING SWEET NOTHINGS TO EACH OTHER!
C-CAN I HAVE BEEN WRONG ABOUT THIS ROMANCE?
WHAT IF IT'S NOT MAKE-BELIEVE LOVE--BUT TRUE LOVE AFTER ALL?
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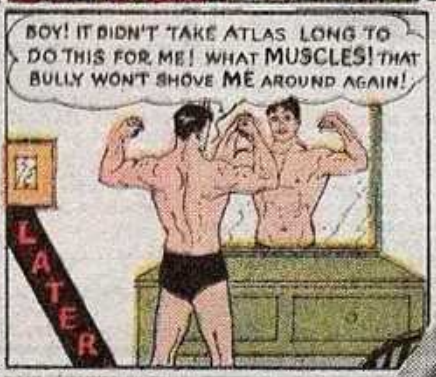
THE INSULT THAT MADE A MAN OUT OF "MAC"

DARN IT! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING A SCARECROW! CHARLES ATLAS SAYS HE CAN GIVE ME A REAL BODY. ALL RIGHT! I'LL GAMBLE A STAMP AND GET HIS FREE BOOK!



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WHAT'S THAT? I SEE A GLINT OF SUNLIGHT OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE!
ALERTED, WONDER WOMAN TURNS HER HEAD IN TIME TO SEE...
SUFFERING SAPPHO! AN ARMED ROCKET-FLYER-- AND A PILOT WHO'S TRYING TO SHOOT ME DOWN!
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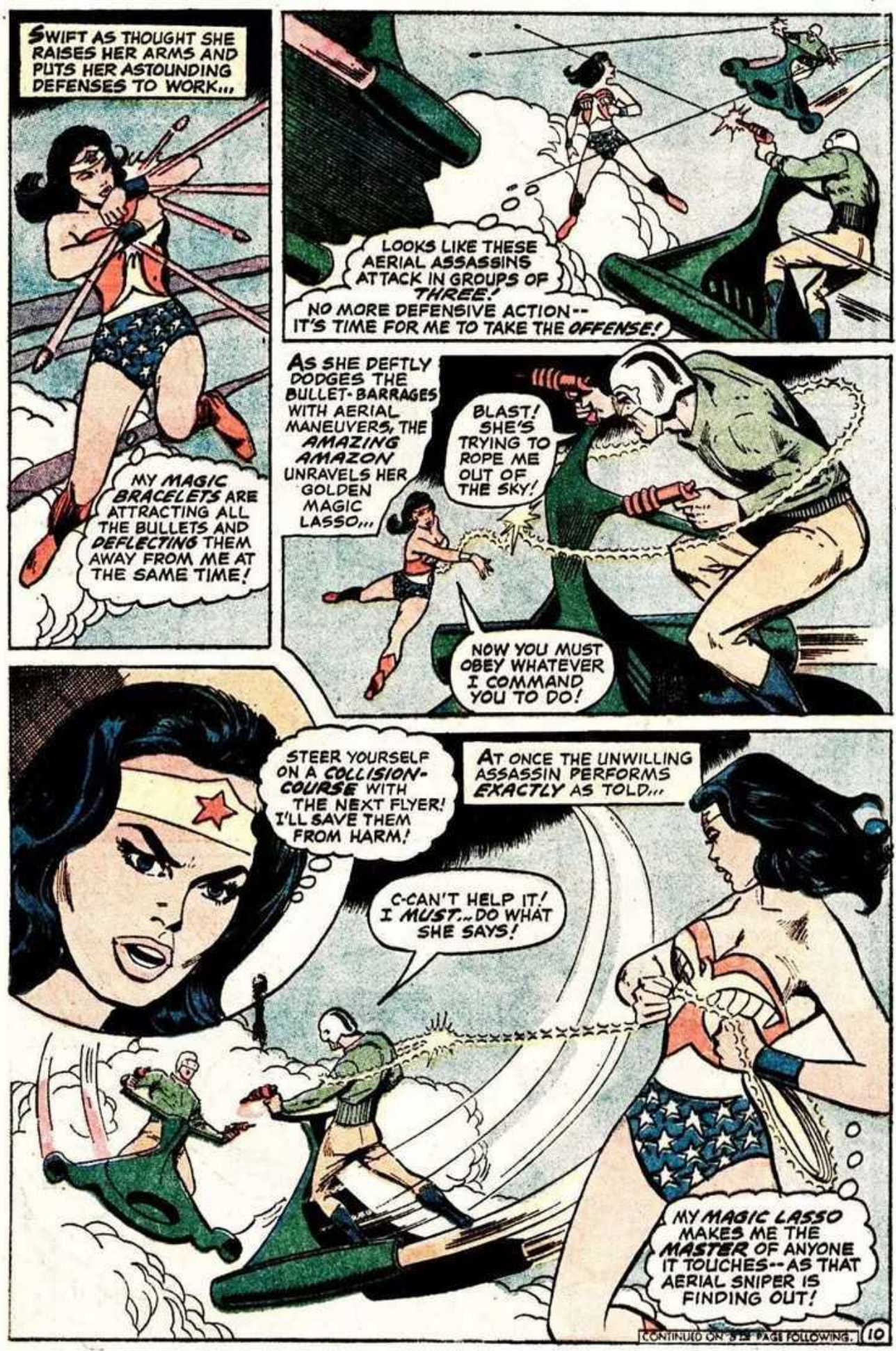
SWIFT AS THOUGHT SHE RAISES HER ARMS AND PUTS HER ASTOUNDING DEFENSES TO WORK...
MY MAGIC BRACELETS ARE ATTRACTING ALL THE BULLETS AND DEFLECTING THEM AWAY FROM ME AT THE SAME TIME!
LOOKS LIKE THESE AERIAL ASSASSINS ATTACK IN GROUPS OF THREE!
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BLAST! SHE'S TRYING TO ROPE ME OUT OF THE SKY!
NOW YOU MUST OBEY WHATEVER I COMMAND YOU TO DO!
STEER YOURSELF ON A COLLISION-COURSE WITH THE NEXT FLYER! I'LL SAVE THEM FROM HARM!
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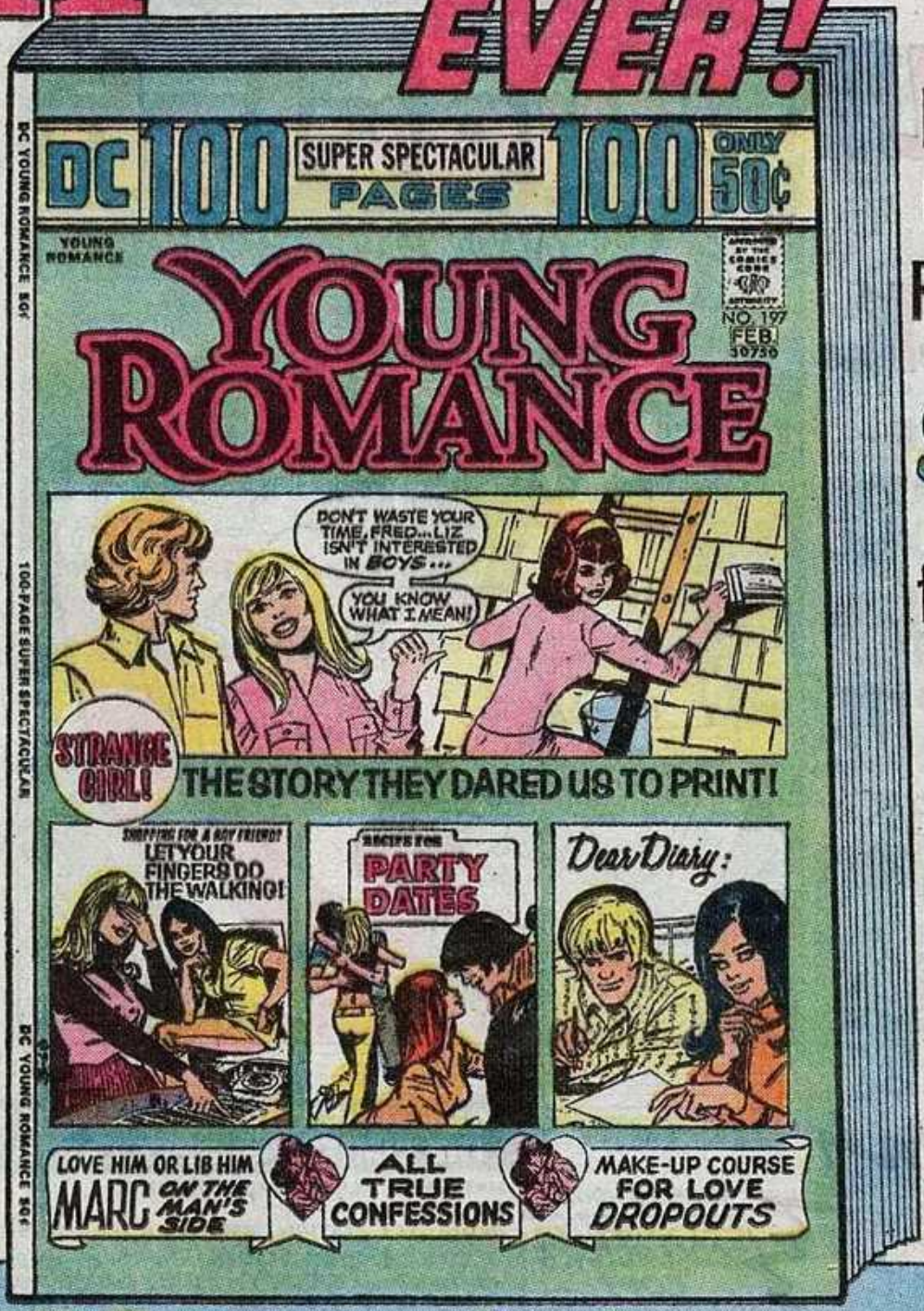
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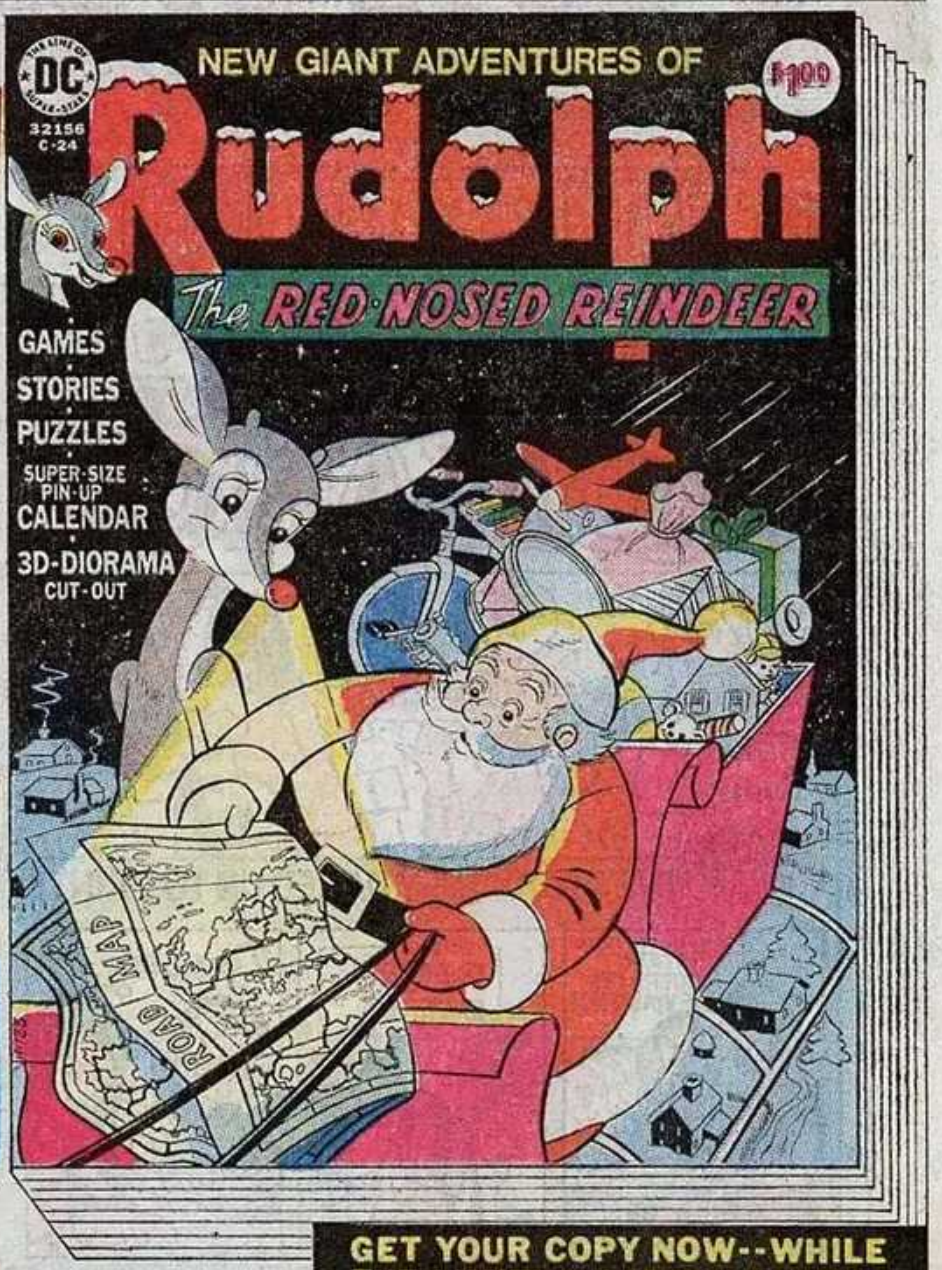

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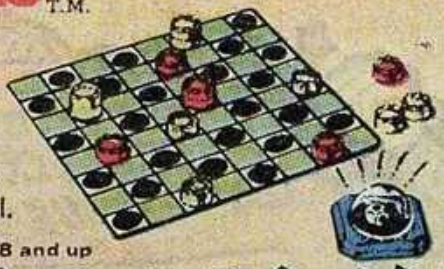

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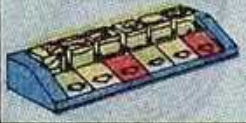

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C-COULDN'T STOP MYSELF!
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I'M JETTIN' OUT O'HERE WHILE I STILL CAN!
THAT'S ONE DEADLY DAME WE WERE SENT TO WIPE OUT!
HAVE TO REPORT BACK TO THE REVENGER AND SAY WE STRUCK OUT!
YOU TWO FELLAS ARE GOING TO BE GROUNDED AWHILE-- LIKE A FEW YEARS-- SERVING PRISON TERMS FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER!
AND WATCHING THE SPECTACULAR AIR-BATTLE FROM BELOW—
WONDER WOMAN WAS... SENSATIONAL IN ACTION! THOSE SKY-SNIPERS DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF HARMING HER ONCE SHE WAS ALERTED TO THEM!
HER AMAZON POWERS PRACTICALLY MAKE HER SUPERMAN'S EQUAL!
AND MUCH MORE SUITED TO BE HIS WIFE—THAN I!
IF THOSE KILLERS HAD ATTACKED ME, I'D BE A GONER BY NOW! MAYBE SUPERMAN WAS RIGHT... MAYBE I WAS A FOOL TO EVEN DREAM OF BECOMING MRS. SUPERMAN! I'M JUST AN ORDINARY GIRL CHOKE WITHOUT MY MAN!
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LET'S FOLLOW THE REMAINING SKY-SNIPER, AS HE FLEES FROM HIS SKIRMISH WITH THE AMAZON PRINCESS-- ONLY TO SOON CRASH DIVE TOWARD THE GROUND...
BUT THE GROUND SUDDENLY YIELDS FOR HIM-- AS A CAMOUFLAGED TRAP-DOOR OPENS...
AND HE LANDS IN A HIDDEN SUBTERRANEAN CHAMBER... WHERE HIS ARRIVAL HAS BEEN LONG AWAITED...
W-WONDER WOMAN WAS TOO MUCH TO HANDLE, REVENGER! NOT EVEN THREE OF US COULD SHOOT HER DOWN!
NO NEED FOR DETAILS... THE LOOK OF FAILURE IS WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SEND THREE MEN TO DO A JOB I SHOULD'VE HANDLED MYSELF!
YOU'LL PAY THE PRICE OF FAILURE NOW!
N-NO, REVENGER! PLEASE DON'T..! PLEASE--?
A MOMENT LATER...
AN UNDERGROUND CATAPULT PROPELLS A LIMP AND LIFELESS BODY UP THROUGH THE AIR AT TERRIFIC SPEED...
UNTIL...
GREAT KRYPTON! A MAN SHOT UP THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A HUMAN CANNONBALL--!
HE'S DEAD!
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IT'S THE SAME MAN, SUPERMAN-- WITHOUT A DOUBT! WHAT KILLED HIM?
HEART STOPPED--PROBABLY BROUGHT ON BY SUDDEN CATAPULTING INTO THE SKY! THE QUESTION IS-- WHO DID IT?
IF THE OTHER TWO SNIPERS KNOW--THEY'RE NOT TALKING!
AS THE SUPER SWEETHEARTS WONDER, THEY'RE UNAWARE OF LOIS' EYES ONCE AGAIN WATCHING THEM-- EXPERTLY READING THEIR LIPS...
>CHOKE< THE SITUATION STILL LOOKS HOPELESS FOR ME..! IF THIS LOVE AFFAIR IS ALL AN ACT-- SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN OUGHT TO WIN OSCARS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW... THE MAN OF MIGHT AND THE LOVELY AMAZON FORGET THEIR TROUBLES AND ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF HEAVENLY HAVEN...
...ALL THE WHILE UNDER THE CLOSE OBSERVATION OF A WOMAN SCORNED-- A DETERMINED ACE REPORTER SPURRED ON BY HER UNQUENCHABLE LOVE FOR SUPERMAN!
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BUT WITHOUT WARNING-- LOIS' PAINFUL WATCHING IS DRAMATICALLY HALTED...

AND WATCHING THE REVENGER'S SNEAK-ATTACK THROUGH ANOTHER PAIR OF BINOCULARS...
LOIS IS BEING KIDNAPPED...AND SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN ARE TOO FAR AWAY TO NOTICE!
A CHALLENGE, READER! A SPY WATCHING A SPY? WHO IS THIS MYSTERY OBSERVER WHO'S BEEN KEEPING A SECRET EYE ON LOIS?

LATER, WHEN A DAZED LOIS OPENS HER EYES...
W-WHO ARE YOU... WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
YOU CAN CALL ME THE REVENGER! AND I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN WHAT I'M AFTER!

WHAT'S THAT?
LIE DETECTOR READINGS!... I QUESTIONED YOU WHEN YOU WERE STILL SEMI-CONSCIOUS!
I HAD TO FIND OUT IF THE BREAK-UP BETWEEN YOU AND SUPERMAN WAS JUST A HOAX!

BUT THE DETECTOR PROVED IT'S TRUE! SUPERMAN REALLY DID WALK OUT ON YOU!
DON'T LOOK SO DISMAYED, MISS LANE! THIS MEANS YOUR LIFE IS SPARED!
IT'S YOUR SUCCESSOR TO SUPERMAN'S HEART WHO'S DOOMED NOW!
WONDER WOMAN?

THAT'S RIGHT! I DISPATCHED THOSE THREE SKY-SNIPERS TO DESTROY WONDER WOMAN... AND WHEN I SAW YOU LURKING NEARBY, I DECIDED TO QUESTION YOU--AND MAKE SURE WONDER WOMAN IS TRULY THE NEW GIRL OF SUPERMAN'S DREAMS!
SHE IS-- BUT SURELY THAT'S NO REASON TO KILL THE AMAZON!
WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE IN ALL THIS ANYWAY? JUST WHO ARE YOU?
THE ANSWERS ARE NO LONGER YOUR CONCERN!
NOW I MUST LEAVE AND FINISH WHAT I STARTED!
YOU'RE FREE TO WALK OUT OF HERE WHENEVER YOU WANT--
IF YOU CAN FREE YOURSELF FROM THAT LIE-DETECTOR CHAIR!
SURELY THAT'S CHILD'S PLAY FOR A GIRL WITH YOUR SHARP WITS!
AS THE SARDONIC, CLOAKED KILLER EXITS...
THESE METAL STRAPS ARE TIGHT-- BUT MY OLD FRIEND BATMAN ONCE TAUGHT ME HOW TO SLIP MY HANDS THROUGH A PAIR OF HANDCUFFS!
BUT JUST AS LOIS IS ABOUT TO WRENCH HER OTHER HAND FREE...
NO, LOIS! LEAVE YOUR HAND RIGHT WHERE IT IS!
CHOP
HAZY MOMENTS LATER... LOIS' EYES OPEN TO SEE...
MELBA! YOU-? WHAT-- WHAT HAPPENED?
I WATCHED THE REVENGER GRAB YOU AT HEAVENLY HAVEN--AND SECRETLY TRAILED HIM TO THIS UNDERGROUND HIDE-OUT!
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I'VE BEEN TAILING YOU... JUST LIKE YOU'VE BEEN TAILING WONDER WOMAN! FIGURED YOU MIGHT NEED A SISTER'S HELP ALONG THE WAY!
ONLY WAY I COULD STOP YOU IN TIME FROM KILLING YOURSELF! I SAW THE REVENGER RE-RIG THE WIRING SO THAT A SPECIAL CURRENT WOULD BE SET UP WHEN YOU FREED BOTH HANDS!
WATCH!
THANKS-- I THINK! BUT WHY DID YOU KAYO ME IN THE LIE-DETECTOR CHAIR?
MELBA THROWS A SPECIAL SWITCH, AND...
THIS IS WHAT YOUR INTERROGATOR HAD IN STORE FOR YOU-- A 5000 VOLT SURPRISE!
GASP! A DISGUISED ELECTRIC CHAIR!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT... THE REVENGER IS A DERANGED, RUTHLESS KILLER! WHO KNOWS WHAT SORT OF GRISLY DOOM HE HAS PLANNED FOR WONDER WOMAN--
THE ONE HE'S REALLY AFTER!
LATER, AT HEAVENLY HAVEN..
...AND WONDER WOMAN ISN'T IN HER ROOM... OR ANYWHERE ELSE ON THE GROUNDS! I'VE X-RAYED EVERY INCH OF THIS PLACE!
SORRY, SUPERMAN! THE AMAZON LEFT IN A HURRY... SAID SHE GOT A PHONE MESSAGE FROM LOIS LANE ASKING TO MEET HER SOME PLACE!
LOIS LANE!!?
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AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
I GOT YOUR MESSAGE, LOIS... BUT I'M SURPRISED YOU'D WANT TO SEE ME!
THANKS FOR COMING, WONDER WOMAN!
IT'S TIME I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING A GRACIOUS LOSER BEFORE...
...AFTER ALL, YOU AND SUPERMAN ARE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER! I REALIZE THAT NOW!
TO PROVE I'M SINCERE, I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS NECKLACE!
IT WAS A GIFT TO ME FROM ONE OF SUPERMAN'S SPACE-TRAVELS! NOW THAT YOU'RE HIS NEW LOVE, IT'S ONLY FITTING YOU SHOULD HAVE IT!
WHY, THANK YOU, LOIS! IT'S LOVELY! I-I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, AMAZON-- BECAUSE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE!
THE OVERWHELMING PAIN STABBING MY BODY LIKE RED-HOT NEEDLES--!
Y-YOU'RE NOT LOIS AT ALL! YOU TRICKED ME...
TRICKED YOU INTO DOOMING YOURSELF! THE JEWEL IN THAT NECKLACE HAS BEEN TREATED WITH A LETHAL POISON THAT RADIATES INTO THE SKIN!
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FIRST, IT RENDERS YOU POWERLESS... EVEN TOO WEAK TO REMOVE THE NECKLACE!
THEN THE PAIN BECOMES SO GREAT YOUR BODY IS LEFT COMPLETELY NUMB!
UNTIL THE MERCIFUL END COMES! BY THEN, YOU'LL BE BEGGING FOR DEATH!
GASP! YOU MAY CALL YOURSELF THE REVENGER-- BUT SUPERMAN AND I KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE!
G-GIVE YOURSELF UP AND I PROMISE YOU'LL GET THE BEST PSYCHIATRIC CARE--!
NO! YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY KNOW--!
WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD THE MASKED MURDERER PRESSES A FOOT AGAINST A CONCEALED PEDAL IN THE GROUND, AND...
INTO MY LAIR YOU GO, AMAZON! WE SHALL SEE JUST HOW MUCH YOU KNOW!
BEING DROPPED THROUGH A CAMOUFLAGED TRAP-DOOR UNDERNEATH ME!
MOMENTS LATER, AFTER FALLING THROUGH TO THE COLD FLOOR OF THE UNDERGROUND CHAMBER, THE REVENGER'S VOICE CALLS OUT...
NOW, TELL ME WHO AM I?
MARCIA ROCHE... AGE 26... AN UNSTABLE MENTAL PATIENT WHO ONCE THREW HERSELF AT SUPERMAN... BEGGED HIM TO MARRY HER...
...AND WHEN SUPERMAN... TURNED HER AWAY... SHE SUFFERED A TOTAL BREAK-DOWN! SHE WAS THEN COMMITTED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION...
...UNTIL SHE ESCAPED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO!
THE "REVENGER" IS A SCORNED WOMAN!
SO YOU KNOW!
THEN YOU ALSO KNOW I PERFECTED THE ART OF VOICE-DISGUISE DURING THOSE LONG MONTHS ...SO I COULD MAKE BELIEVE I WAS A MAN!
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B-BOTH OF US? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU MEAN... YOU'VE HARMED LOIS--?!
LOOK FOR YOURSELF WHILE YOU CAN!
I LEFT THE POOR GIRL IN THAT CHAIR... KNOWING SHE'D ELECTROCUTE HERSELF WHEN SHE TRIED TO...
THE CHAIR'S EMPTY! BUT SHE COULDN'T SURVIVE 5,000 VOLTS!
AND THEN--SPRINGING FORTH FROM THE SHADOWS OF A DARK CORNER...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DUE FOR QUITE A SHOCK YOURSELF, "REVENGER"!
LOIS!— MELBA!
WE'VE HEARD ALL WE NEED TO HEAR!
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RIPPING OFF THE LETHAL NECKLACE-
THERE! NOW THAT FAMOUS AMAZON STRENGTH OF YOURS OUGHT TO COUNTER-ACT THE POISON!
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IF I WAS HIS NEW LOVE, WE FIGURED MARCIA WOULD ATTACK ME INSTEAD OF YOU! WE DIDN'T LET YOU IN ON OUR PLAN FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!
SUPERMAN DEVISED THE WHOLE SCHEME JUST TO PROTECT YOU, LOIS!
YOU'RE A VERY LUCKY GIRL!

LATER, MELBA WATCHES A VERY FOND REUNION...
LOIS MAY NOT BE AN AMAZON-- BUT SHE'S A WONDER IN HER OWN WAY--
--AND I'M SURE SUPERMAN WOULD BE THE FIRST TO AGREE!
THE END

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LETTERS TO LOIS

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Dear Editor:
I've just finished reading LOIS LANE #134 ("Stolen: 10 Million Lives"), which is one of the greatest Superman-family yarns to come out of D.C. in a long time. The bottled city of Kandor has been the scene of some of the most exciting adventures involving Superman, Batman, Lois and Jimmy. It's great to see you returning to it for inspiration.
James Zucker, Orlando, Florida

Dear James:
You talk like you didn't catch SUPERGIRL's adventure in Kandor (SUPERGIRL #2). While the SUPERGIRL adventure featured the back-country of the shrunken Kryptonian city, it proved the place is just as exciting in any corner of the bottle!

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Dear Editor:
Cary Bates' "Stolen: 10 Million Lives" was really a breathtaking story. It had mystery, adventure and many twists in its plot; really kept me guessing! We've had doubles of Superman before . . . but never a deranged person who actually believed he WAS Superman. This, plus the double of Lois, the narrowly-averted doom of Kandor and the small touches of irony (like hiding the bottle in the Kents' tombstone) made this a return to greatness for LOIS LANE! The team of Rosenberger and Colletta rounded out the issue by making it LOOK beautiful as well as READ beautiful!
Karina Stubbs, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Karina:
. . . And it took readers like YOU to notice it all. Many thanks from Robert Kanigher, Cary Bates, John Rosenberger and Vince Colletta; the people who put the yarn together!

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Dear Editor:
In "The Superwoman of Metropolis" (LOIS LANE #131), Clark Kent used his X-Ray Vision through his glasses. He's done this before, and used Heat-Vision through his lenses, too. Shouldn't his glasses melt from this great heat?
Tamara Harrison, Clark Air Force Base, Phillipines

Dear Tamara:
To answer your question, a short glimpse into Superman's past is in order . . . The rocketship which carried baby Kal-El (Superman) to Earth became indestructable in Earth's solar system. It was destroyed when its super-fuel overheated and created an explosion of incredible power that broke the craft into fragments and drove the pieces deep underground. Years later, Superboy returned to the scene and retrieved the pieces . . . Including the fragments of windshield, made of a super-dense plastic from Krypton. Superboy discovered he could use his super-vision powers through them, without affecting either the powers or the lenses, so he salvaged two fragments and mounted them in eyeglass-frames. These have been the lenses of every pair of glasses Clark Kent has ever worn. (Superman's belt also came from the rocket . . . It was the strap that held him down during take-off and landing!)

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Dear Editor:
Why doesn't LOIS LANE suggest that Superman marry her, and then set up housekeeping in his Fortress of Solitude? There, they would be safe from his enemies . . . and anytime Lois became lonely all she'd have to do would be to shrink herself and visit the city of Kandor!
Kevin Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Kevin:
Sorry . . . LOIS LANE beat you to the punch back in #14 (June, 1960) of her magazine. Lois tricked the Man of Steel into letting her stay for "Three Nights in the Fortress of Solitude," to convince Superman it would be a good home for them both. Unfortunately, Superman was wise to Lois' motives all along, and did his best to convince her she was wrong . . . and convince her he did. She never tried the stunt again!

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Dear Editor:
Time was when you could pick up an issue of LOIS LANE and read all about the girl reporter who did nothing more than love Superman, wear the same earrings day after day and react to everything with a set pattern of unemotional expressions.
Oh, yes . . . forgot one more thing about those good old days . . . Lana Lang! The girl who single-handedly prevented Lois from leaving her rut of either trying to trick Superman into marrying her, or trying to prevent Superman from marrying someone else.
Then along came Robert Kanigher, who wisely consigned Lana to the past, and made LOIS LANE into a human being. The scripts are beautiful and so is the artwork. Lois is now drawn in the style of a romance character, but her stories have DEPTH, and the two go well together. Keep up the good work!
Eileen Stewart, New York, N.Y.

Dear Eileen:
I don't know how happy Lana is about what you said . . . But WE thank you very much for your honest (and accurate) opinion. Keep reading and enjoying!

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Dear Editor:
I know that actress Noel Neill portrayed Lois Lane on the "Adventures of Superman" TV series that starred George Reeves. But, on some episodes, didn't another actress play the part of Lois?
Michael Grossman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Michael:
Right you are! During the series' first season on the air (1952-53), LOIS LANE was portrayed by actress Phyllis Coates. Miss Neill remains more identified with the role because she not only appeared as Lois on most of the TV episodes, but in the two Columbia Superman serials as well ("Superman" in 1948, and "Atom-Man Vs. Superman" in 1950).
Allan Asherman
Editorial Assistant

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